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SUBJECT: ENRICHED URANIUM: EXPORTS STOCKPILING AND
EURODIF II

1. ON APRIL 29 IN THE SENATE, SENATOR HENRI CAVAILLET (RADICAL, LOT-ET-GARONNE) ASKED THE GOVT TO COMMENT ON THE SUSPENSION BY THE U.S. OF EXPORTS OF HIGHLY ENRICHED URANIUM. MINISTER OF INDUSTRY AND RESEARCH D'ORNANO REPLIED THAT FOR THE NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION, IT WAS NOT A QUESTION OF AN EMBARGO BUT AN EXAMINATION, ON A CASE-BY-CASE BASIS, OF ALL EXPORTS OF FISSILE MATERIAL. "FRANCE DOES NOT APPEAR TO BE AFFECTED AT THE PRESENT TIME BY THIS MEASURE. FOR OUR PART, WE HAVE ONE YEAR OF ENRICHED URANIUM IN STOCK AND SIX MONTHS MORE IN FABRICATION. IN ADDITION, ASIDE FROM THE U.S., PIERRELATTE FURNISHES ENRICHED URANIUM, AND ALSO WE HAVE WITH THE SOVIET UNION SOME OPTIONS THAT WE COULD EVENTUALLY TRANSFER INTO CONTRACTS." D'ORNANO ADDED, "WE ARE THINKING OF LAUNCHING A SECOND EURODIF AT

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THE END OF THIS YEAR OR NEXT YEAR."

2. COMMENT: D'ORNANO'S STATEMENT CONFIRMS OUR
IMPRESSION THAT THE GOF IS SATISFIED WITH OUR
VERSION OF THE NRC ACTION. COMMISSIONER MASON'S
STATEMENT (REF), WHICH WE SUPPLIED TO D'ORNANO'S
INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS ADVISOR, WAS VERY HELPFUL.
NEVERTHELESS, MEDIA CIRCLES ARE NOT IMMUNE FROM
USING A CONTORTED VERSION OF THE NRC ACTION TO SUP-
PORT THEIR OBJECTIVES. FOR EXAMPLE, AIR &
COSMOS, THE LEADING FRENCH AEROSPACE JOURNAL,
POINTED TO THE "AFFAIRS OF ENRICHED URANIUM DELIVERIES"
TO SUPPORT ITS LONGTIME ARGUMENT THAT EURPE NEEDS
AN INDEPENDENT AEROSPACE CAPABILITY.
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